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CHRISTMAS



Christmas means CHURCH

(CHRIST MASS)

**“I didn’t connect with the
PEOPLE there.”**

**“I didn’t connect with the
EXPERIENCE.””**

“Everyone there seemed FAKE.”

“When I’m there, I feel FAKE.”

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

Leviticus 19:1-2 NIV

The Christmas Irony

Luke 2:8-20 (p. 716)

They were not allowed in the
TEMPLE, but they were
welcomed to the MANAGER.

The Jesus Irony

Luke 8:42-48 (p. 723)

She was not allowed in the
TEMPLE, but she **TOUCHED**
the **SAVIOR**.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 NIV

This church cannot be a temple.

It must be a MANAGER.

If you aren't home in a TEMPLE,

find a HOME with us!

For this is what the high and exalted
One says—he who lives forever, whose
name is holy:

“I live in a high and holy place, but also
with the one who is contrite and lowly in
spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly
and to revive the heart of the contrite...

**I will not accuse them forever, nor
will I always be angry, for then they
would faint away because of me—
the very people I have created. . . .**

I was enraged by their sinful greed; I punished them, and hid my face in anger, yet they kept on in their willful ways. I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners, creating praise on their lips.

"Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them."

Isaiah 57:15-19 NIV

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